

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, June 14, 2019

MRRI Auditorium, Ft. Johnson

Charleston, SC

MAC Members Present: B. Bailey, P. Brown, B. Rose, F. Rourke, F. Gibson

MAC Members Absent: E. Holder, C. Day, D. Swygert

SCDNR Staff Present: P. Maier, R. Boyles, A. Dukes, D. Sanger, W. Jenkins, M. Denson, E. Weeks, T. Darden, B. Floyd, B. Keppler, C. McDonough, M.E. Williams, K. Spry, E. Rivers, A. Watson, J. Yost, M. Ingle

Guests: N/A

1. Call Meeting to Order V. Chairman Bailey:

Vice-Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

2. Invocation:

Chaplain Dave Tafaoa led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chairman Bailey:

Vice-Chairman Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes- Vice-Chairman Bailey:

Vice-Chairman Bailey asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (March 2019). F. Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. B. Rose 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

5. Introduction of Guests- E. Weeks:

N/A

6. Marine Fisheries Data Collection Program-Amy Dukes:

Fisheries Statistics Section Leader Amy Dukes gave an overview of their program. She delved into the specific data collection methods of both South Carolina's commercial and recreational fisheries. She briefed the Committee on how the data is then analyzed and used to make fisheries management decisions at both the State and Federal levels.

7. MRD'S Living Shoreline Research – Dr. Denise Sanger:

Dr. Sanger's presentation focused on MRD's efforts to go beyond creating oyster habitats to creating living shorelines behind the reefs. These living shorelines create added benefits to the reefs such as increase in habitat, protecting and enhancing natural shorelines and providing better protection to hurricanes/storms than a man-made bulkhead. They are in collaboration with DHEC and OCRM on obtaining funding for the project. She provided examples of the different materials used - with different successes and failures of each of the different materials. Going forward they will use guidance from partners and maintain monitoring of their efforts. Living shoreline workgroups and sub-workgroups will provide input into the project.

8. Deputy Director's Comments-Acting Deputy Director Phil Maier:

Interim Director Maier briefed the Committee on the recent Staff changes affecting MRD. Notably, Deputy Director Boyles being named Interim Director of the Agency, thus naming Phil Maier Acting Deputy Director of the Marine Division. Blaik Keppler was named Director of Coastal Reserves and Outreach.

He gave an update on recent infrastructure projects happening at MRD and Waddell. Additionally, informed the group on a new outreach effort between the MRRI and the Outreach section offering lab tours to the public.

Finally, Phil and Robert presented Frank Gibson with a certificate thanking him for his 21 years of service to the Marine Advisory Committee and reflected on his many contributions to the Marine Division throughout the years. He was always a champion of the resource and SCDNR's efforts to be good stewards of the resource(s).

9. Date, Place & Time of Next Meeting-V. Chairman Bailey:

The next scheduled meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee is Friday, September 27th at 10:00 in the MRRI Auditorium at Ft. Johnson.

10. Meeting Adjourn-V. Chairman Bailey:

Meeting adjourned at 11:24.